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COLOMBIA.

*Report from Bocas del Toro—Fruit port.*BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *May 2, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit report for the week ended Wednesday, May 2, 1900, and to inclose list of vessels inspected and copies of certificates issued.

The temperature during the past fortnight has been unusually high and the rainfall slight, in consequence of which the supply of potable water has been reduced. Yet there has been no increase in malarial fevers, and no other troubles prevail. The general sanitary conditions of the port and vicinity continue satisfactory. One death—a female, native, cause, senility, has been reported to me during the week.

I have not yet had occasion to observe the enforcement of the measures to be adopted against vessels coming from Limon, nor have I had advices from that place since I received the report of yellow fever there. Communication with Colon continues uninterruptedly.

Respectfully,

HERMAN B. MOHR,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure]

*List of vessels inspected during the week ended Wednesday May 2, 1900.*BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *May 2, 1900.*

April 28, steamship *Simon Dumois*, Nieuwejaar; crew 14; no passengers; Mobile. April 29, steamship *Brookline*, List; crew, 34; passengers, 9; Baltimore; 8 pieces of baggage. May 1, steamship *Dudley*, Andersen; crew, 18; no passengers; Mobile. May 2, steamship *Colombia*, Berg; crew, 17; no passengers; Mobile; steamship *Kitty*, Maartensen; crew, 18; no passengers; Mobile.

HERMAN B. MOHR,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.**Precautions against yellow fever.*BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *April 30, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that Acting Asst. Surg. J. G. Thomas, United States Marine-Hospital Service, has advised me that on the 20th instant there occurred a death from yellow fever in Limon, Costa Rica. I communicated the fact to the sanitary officer of this port, and requested him to inform me should the local authorities take any steps to prevent the introduction of the disease into this place. As a result of my conversation with that official, the following circular letter has been directed, by the chief magistrate of the district, to all shipowners and agents of steamships:

[Translation—Circular No. 18.]

BOCAS DEL TORO, *April 28, 1900.*

SIR: For your information I transmit you herewith a copy of a communication received from the sanitary officer of this port under date of yesterday:

“SIR: I have the honor to advise you that Dr. Mohr, United States sanitary inspector, has received information from Limon that a death from yellow fever has occurred in that place. I would therefore suggest that you advise all owners of vessels, steamship agents, and the inspector of the port that no one shall board vessels coming from Limon until the sanitary officer has made an inspection and passed on the bill of health of such vessels.

“C. ALF. VAZ, *Sanitary Officer.*“Señor ALCALDE, *of the District.*”